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JOSEPH L. JOHNSON PAPERS
Collection 58-1 to 58-6

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Scope Note

The papers of Joseph L. Johnson are contained in 6 boxes, measuring 3 linear feet, and cover the years between 1960 and 1970. The papers include biographical data, personal correspondence and material arising out of Dr. Johnson's affiliations with medical and civic organizations and with the Howard University Medical School. There is also a collection of letters, greeting cards, and clippings of Dr. Percy Harris, a Black physician from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who was involved in a controversy over the purchase of a house in a white residential area of Cedar Rapids.

This collection was donated to Moorland-Spingarn Research Center by Dr. Johnson in 1971.

Biographical Sketch

1895 January 14	Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1919	B.S., Pennsylvania State College.
1919-1920	Vice Principal, Kansas Vocational College, Topeka, Kansas,
1920-1926	Instructor, General Science and Zoology, Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Missouri-
1931	M.D., University of Chicago.
1931	Ph.D., University of Chicago.
1931-1951	Head, Department of Physiology, College of Medicine, Howard University.
1931-1960	Professor of Physiology, College of Medicine, Howard University.
1940	Vice Dean, College of Medicine, Howard University.
1940-1941	Acting Dean, College of Medicine, Howard University.
1946-1955	Dean, College of Medicine, Howard University.
1960	Professor of Physiology, College of Medicine, Howard University,
1961-1970	Director, Graduate Physiology Program and Medical Student Research Training Project, College of Medicine, Howard University

Sources: Cobb, W. Montague, M. D., "Medical history: Joseph Lealand Johnson", National Medical Association Journal, Vol. 64, no. 2, 1972, pp. 176-179.

Joseph L. Johnson Papers, Collection 58-1, Folder 1, Biographical Data (Who's Who Data Sheet), Moorland, Spingarn Research Center, Howard University.

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- Series A**
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Includes biographical data, personal correspondence, holographic notes and speeches.
- Series B**
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Organizational Affiliations
Materials such as reports, correspondence, program proceedings, minutes of meetings, press releases, bulletins etc. surrounding Dr. Johnson's involvement with the following organizations: National Medical Association for Mental Health, D.C. Council on Aging, Department of State, D.C. Emergency Ambulance Service Advisory Committee, D.C. Teachers College, Screening Committee for Director of Public Health, Citizens Council for the District of Columbia, Medio-Chirurgical Society, and the National Medical Association.
- Series C**
Box 58-5
Clippings
Newspaper clippings on civil rights, medicine and the medical profession, Howard University; plus copies of the Washington Afro-American National Medical Association, Souvenir Edition, August 4, 1964.
- Series D**
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Press Releases
Statements issued in January and February, 1963 by Democratic Congressman John D. Dingell of Michigan.
- Series E**
Box 58-5
Printed Material
Copies of Congressional acts and messages, a program from the Howard University 25 Year Club Annual Banquet, and several reprints of published articles.
- Series F**
Box 58-5
Dr. Percy Harris
Letters, greeting cards and newspaper clippings of and concerning Dr. Percy Harris, a Black physician practicing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa who won a battle over discrimination when he was granted the right to purchase a home in an all white residential area of Cedar Rapids.

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